MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Yes. I want to ascertain why there is so much delay. I understand that there is not sufficient allotment in the Budget. That is the reason for the work being delayed.

May I know whether the work of metalling has to be done during monsoon times under ordinary circumstances?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Then, may I know why this work was not completed during the last monsoon? Is it due to want of funds, or, is it due to slackness on the part of the contractor, or due to slackness on the part of the Executive Engineer in pushing on with the work?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information is not available here.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know from the member whether the promise made that the work would be completed in a month's time can be fulfilled in view of the fact that the metalling of the roads cannot duly and possibly be done except during monsoons? I am asking for the information in regard to that expert opinion of the Government.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The information is not available.

PRESIDENT: The statement has been made that it will be completed in three or four weeks. You may take it as correct.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): But my information is that it could not be done?

PRESIDENT: This is the information that Government give you.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Does the member hope to get the work properly done within a months' time?

PRESIDENT: The answer is there.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I take it that the metalling work cannot be done when there is no rain?

PRESIDENT: You may take it so if you like.

Road from the Quilon T. B. to the Kochupilamood Bridge.

100. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the road between the Quilon Travellers' Bungalow and Kochupilamood bridge is unfit for the heavy traffic which it has to bear;

(*b*) whether any funds have been sanctioned for carrying out the work of repairing the road this year (1107); and

(*c*) whether they propose to complete the work this year?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is heavy traffic on the road and the Government are aware that the road requires special repairs.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) It is not possible to take up the work this year for want of funds.

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